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SUBJ: ATLANTIC RELATIONS: UK REVISED VERSION OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION
FRENCH DRAFT DECLARATION

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

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1. AS HE STATED IN COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF ATLANTIC RELATIONS
NOVEMBER 21, SIR EDWARD PECK (UK PERMREP) HAS CIRCULATED UK
DELEGATION TRANSLATION OF FRENCH DRAFT DECLARATION. AN INFORMAL
MISSION TRANSLATION OF THE FRENCH ORIGINAL WAS FORWARDED IN
USNATO 5444. TEXT OF UK TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

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ON TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS
(UK REVISION OF SECRETARIAT TRANSLATION)

1. THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE DECLARE THAT

THE TREATY WHICH THEY SIGNED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, TO PRESERVE THEIR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE AFTER A WAR WHICH HAD ALMOST DEPRIVED THEM OF BOTH, HAS SET THE SEAL ON THE COMMON DESTINY OF THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE, THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE TREATY, WESTERN EUROPE HAS BEEN ABLE TO REBUILD FROM ITS RUINS, TO ATTAIN AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF PROSPERITY AND TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS OF ITS UNITY, WHILE THE WESTERN WORLD REGAINED ITS SELFCONFIDENCE AND ENSURED THE SPREAD OF THOSE CIVILISED VALUES ASSOCIATED WITH ITS NAME.

2. MEANWHILE, GREAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON THE ROAD TOWARDS DETENTE AND HARMONY BETWEEN NATIONS, TO A POINT WHERE A CONFERENCE INVOLVING 35 COUNTRIES OF EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA IS PREPARING TO LAY DOWN THE RIGHT GUIDELINES FOR INCREASING SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WELCOME THIS; BUT UNTIL CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT THE INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL, COMPLETE AND CONTROLLED DISARMAMENT, WHICH ALONE COULD PROVIDE GENUINE SECURITY FOR ALL, THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, FAR FROM BEING INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE AIMS OF THE TREATY WHICH UNITES THEM, IMPOSE ON THEM THE OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN THE MUTUAL LINKS DERIVING FROM THIS TREATY. STATES THAT WISH TO PRESERVE PEACE HAVE NEVER ACHIEVED THIS AIM BY NEGLECTING THE DEMANDS OF THEIR OWN SECURITY.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY HAVE COME TO REALISE THAT THE CONTEXT OF THEIR COMMON DEFENCE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED IN THE LAST TEN YEARS. SINCE IT IS ONLY THEIR STRATEGIC ARMS THAT RENDER THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION MUTUALLY VULNERABLE, THE BALANCE ESTABLISHED IN THIS FIELD BETWEEN THEM GIVES A STRONG ELEMENT OF STABILITY TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THESE TWO POWERS. BUT THIS DOES NOT HOLD GOOD FOR EUROPE, WHICH REMAINS PARTICULARLY EXPOSED TO ALL OTHER FORMS OF CONFLICT, SO THAT THE PROBLEM OF EUROPEAN DEFENCE TAKES ON AN INCREASINGLY DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER.

4. THIS NEW SITUATION HAS BASICALLY PRODUCED NO CHANGE.
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THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE REAFFIRM THAT THERE IS A PRESENT NO ALTERNATIVE TO THE SECURITY PROVIDED BY THE NUCLEAR FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, WHETHER BASED IN AMERICA OR EUROPE.

5. NEVERTHELESS, THE ALLIANCE MUST NOW PAY MORE CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE DANGERS TO WHICH IT IS EXPOSED IN THE EUROPEAN REGION, AND MUST ADOPT ALL MEASURES NECESSARY TO AVERT THEM. THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS, WHO PROVIDE THREE-QUARTERS OF THE CONVENTIONAL FORCES OF THE ALLIANCE IN EUROPE, AND TWO OF WHOM POSSESS NUCLEAR FORCES CAPABLE OF PLAYING A DETERRENT ROLE OF THEIR OWN, UNDERTAKE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTAIN THE COMMON DEFENCE AT A LEVEL CAPABLE OF DETERRING ALL ACTIONS DIRECTED AGAINST THEIR INDEPENDENCE OR TERRITORIAL

INTEGRITY AND OF REPELLING ALL AGGRESSION SHOULD DETERRENCE FAIL. THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS PART DECLARES THAT IT WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY SITUATION WHICH WOULD EXPOSE EUROPE TO EXTERNAL POLITICAL OR MILITARY PRESSURE LIKELY TO DEPRIVE IT OF ITS FREEDOM. THE UNITED STATES REAFFIRMS THAT IT WILL MAINTAIN ITS FORCES IN EUROPE AT THE LEVEL REQUIRED TO SUSTAIN THE CREDIBILITY OF THE STRATEGY OF DETERRENCE AND TO MAINTAIN THE CAPACITY TO DEFEND THE NORTH ATLANTIC AREA SHOULD DETERRENCE FAIL; AND THAT THE AIM OF ITS AGREEMENT OF 22ND JUNE, 1973 WITH THE SOVIET UNION IS TO PREVENT WAR IN ALL ITS FORMS, NOT TO LAY DOWN RULES AND LIMITS UNDER WHICH WAR WOULD BE WAGED.

6. IN THIS CONNECTION, SINCE THE GOAL OF ANY DEFENCE POLICY IS TO FRUSTRATE THE OBJECTIVES WHICH A POTENTIAL ADVERSARY WOULD SEEK TO SECURE BY STARTING A WAR, THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE AFFIRM THAT ALL THEIR FORCES WOULD IF NECESSARY BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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7. THE COMMON DEFENCE IS INDEED BINDING UPON ALL AND INDIVISIBLE. THE COMMON AIM IS TO MAINTAIN THE CAPACITY TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF A CONFLICT IN WHICH, THROUGH THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPE'S INDEPENDENCE, THE SUBJECTION OF THE WORLD WOULD BE AT STAKE.

8. WITH THIS IN VIEW, IT IS RECOGNISED THAT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF SUBSTANTIAL AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE PLAYS AN

INDISPENSABLE ROLE IN THE DEFENCE OF THE UNITED STATES, AS MUCH AS OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. SIMILARLY, THE PROGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TOWARDS POLITICAL UNION SHOULD, IN DUE COURSE, HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECTS ON THE DEFENCE CONTRIBUTION OF THOSE OF ITS MEMBER STATES WHO ARE AT THE SAME TIME MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE.

9. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE CONSIDER THAT THE WILL TO COMBINE THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THEIR COMMON DEFENCE OBLIGES THEM TO NEGLECT NOTHING WHICH MIGHT IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THEIR CONFIDENTIAL

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OWN FORCES, AND THAT EACH COUNTRY SHOULD UNDERTAKE, IN LINE WITH ITS POSITION IN THE ALLIANCE, ITS PROPER SHARE OF THE BURDEN OF MAINTAINING THE SECURITY OF ALL. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY CONSIDER THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE ACCEPTED IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRENT OR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH COULD REDUCE THAT SECURITY.

10. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE ARE CONVINCED, NOW AS EVER, THAT THESE AIMS WILL ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE CONSULTATION AND CO-OPERATION IN MUTUAL TRUST ON ALL THEIR COMMON PROBLEMS. SINCE DETENTE AND DEFENCE ARE COMPLEMENTARY, THEY WILL IN PARTICULAR KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND PROGRESS IN EAST WEST RELATIONS. FURTHERMORE, WHILE CARRYING OUT THE INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS THEY HAVE JOINTLY UNDERTAKEN, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO REMOVE SOURCES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES, AND TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

11. THEY RECALL THAT THEIR SOLIDARITY IS BASED ON A COMMON DEDICATION TO THE IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS, WHICH ARE THE FRUITS OF THEIR SHARED SPIRITUAL HERITAGE. SINCE THESE PRINCIPLES, BY THEIR VERY NATURE, FORBID ANY RECOURSE TO METHODS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE, THEY REAFFIRM THAT THE EFFORTS WHICH THEY MAKE TO PRESERVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE, TO MAINTAIN THEIR SECURITY AND TO IMPROVE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THEIR PEOPLES EXCLUDE ALL FORMS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST ANYONE, ARE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY OTHER COUNTRY, AND ARE DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

IN EUROPE, THEIR OBJECTIVE CONTINUES TO BE THE PURSUIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION WITH EVERY EUROPEAN COUNTRY. IN THE WORLD AT LARGE, THEY RECOGNISE THEIR SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET BENEFITED FROM ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS.

12. IN SO DOING, THEY RECOGNISE THAT THE TASK THEY OFFER THEIR PEOPLES, AND IN PARTICULAR THEIR YOUTH, IS EQUAL TO THEIR VIGOUR AND ASPIRATIONS. FREEDOM DEMANDS THAT THOSE WHO WISH TO ENJOY IT MUST ALSO BEAR FULLY ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

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